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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-008N]

Beef Products Contaminated With *Escherichia coli* 0157:H7; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a public meeting on March 8, 1999, to discuss the policies addressed in its January 19, 1999, **Federal Register** notice, Beef Products Contaminated with *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) 0157:H7. The purpose of the meeting is to consider policy and regulatory changes to ensure that consumers are protected against meat products adulterated with *E. coli* 0157:H7. The Agency also solicits information on non-intact beef products, including ground beef, injected beef, and trimmings, for use in the Agency's risk assessment on *E. coli* 0157:H7 in beef products.

DATES: The meeting will be held March 8, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Written comments must be received by March 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Washington, 515 15th Street, NW, Washington DC. To register for the meeting, contact Ms. Shiela Johnson by telephone at (202) 501-7305 or (202) 501-7138 or by FAX at (202) 501-7642. If a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is necessary, contact Ms. Johnson at the above numbers by March 4, 1999. If you are planning to present an oral comment at the meeting, please submit one original and two copies of the prepared comment to the FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket No. 99-008N, Room 102 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW,

Washington, DC 20250-3700. Send one original and two copies of all other comments to the Docket Clerk at the address listed above. All comments received in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for viewing in the Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Engeljohn, Ph.D. Director, Regulations Development and Analysis Division, Office of Policy, Program Development, and Evaluation, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 112 Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone number (202) 720-5627, fax number (202) 690-0486.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 19, 1999, FSIS published the notice "Beef Products Contaminated with *Escherichia coli* 0157:H7" in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 2803). This notice contained FSIS' policy regarding beef products, including raw grown beef and non-intact beef products, contaminated with *E. coli* 0157:H7. The notice also afforded the public an opportunity to submit comments and recommendations regarding the Agency's policy and any regulatory requirements that might be appropriate to prevent the distribution of beef products adulterated with *E. coli* 0157:H7.

In addition to the opportunities for comment provided in the notice, FSIS has decided to hold a public meeting on March 8, 1999. The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to comment and discuss the policy announced in the January 19, 1999, notice and the public health risks associated with beef products contaminated with *E. coli* 0157:H7. Also, participants will be able to comment on FSIS's intention to expand its risk assessment of *E. coli* 0157:H7, which was announced in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 1998, (63 FR 44232) to include all non-intact beef products.

The Agency intends to make available a set of questions and answers that reflect its current thinking about its *E. coli* 0157:H7 policy. The Agency will announce the availability of this document in its Constituent Alert.

Done at Washington, DC, on February 25, 1999.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has established an advisory committee to assist it in developing a proposed rule on accessibility standards for electronic and information technology covered by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. This document gives notice of the dates, times, and location of the next meeting of the Electronic and Information Technology Access Advisory Committee (Committee).

DATES: The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 29 and 30, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at 1331 F Street, NW., Washington, DC, in the third floor training room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doug Wakefield, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004-1111. Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 39 (Voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). E-mail address: wakefield@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, Braille, large print, or computer disk) upon request. This document is also available on the Board's Internet Site at <http://www.access-board.gov/notices/eitaacmtg.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 29, 1998, the Access Board published a notice appointing 23 members to its Electronic and Information Technology Access